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Dear Paul Stacey:

We are writing you in support of the proposed new stream flow regulations. As residents for 47 years in an area of north Stamford laced with brooks and streams that flow into the Rippowam River a mile from our home, we are well aware of the ecological importance of maintaining stream flow. It has existed for centuries and needs to be preserved. With 45 inches of annual rainfall in Connecticut, there is enough to maintain the flow as long as we have the necessary management which only the state can provide. The proposed new regulations would give us the planning and implementation which would be comprehensive and effective only at the state level.

The one change we see that is needed is for the same protection provided for Class 1, 2 and 3 streams also should be provided for Class 4 streams. Either Class 4 could be eliminated altogether, or its Class 4 regulation could be changed to insure the ultimate flow and protection of Class 4 streams. We should not sacrifice any streams while making these regulations.

You have a unique opportunity to preserve a precious resource Connecticut citizens have used and enjoyed since our first settlers arrived in 1636. We are counting on you now to protect our stream flows by supporting these proposed regulations.

Thank you for the important efforts you make in protecting our water.

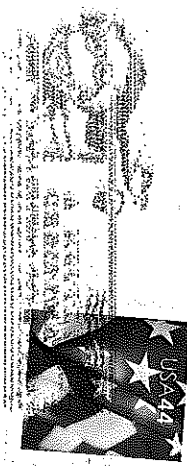
Sincerely yours,

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